



CRVS publications and resource catalogue



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This catalogue is designed to help you easily identify, view, and share relevant resources published by the Centre of Excellence. It offers access to our videos, blogs and articles, publications, and event proceedings under five key themes:

- 1 Why CRVS systems matter:**
The case for investing in and strengthening CRVS systems
- 2 Supporting gender equality:**
Strengthening CRVS systems for equal access to rights and protections for all
- 3 Putting people first:**
Overcoming barriers to civil registration
- 4 Promoting good governance:**
Leveraging data for inclusive development
- 5 Supporting CRVS system resilience:**
Ensuring CRVS systems function under stress to protect populations in conflict, emergency, and fragile settings

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Why CRVS systems matter: The case for investing in and strengthening CRVS systems

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Title	Content type	Approximate read/watch time	Partner
What if you didn't have a birth certificate?		1-2 minutes	
Legal identity for all: Why it's essential and how to achieve it		2-3 minutes	
CRVS systems protect human rights and empower the vulnerable		3-4 minutes	
Expert talks: Understanding civil registration and vital statistics systems		1-6 minutes per video	
Better data for a better world		1-2 minutes	Data2X
Boundless potential		1-2 minutes	Data2X
How civil registration can protect and empower women and girls		3.5 minutes	
Four ways CRVS systems can support the UN Sustainable Development Goals		4 minutes	
Why CRVS systems are essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals		4 minutes	
Closing the evidence gap in the economic and social benefits of CRVS Systems: A systematic review		45 minutes	

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<p>Country profiles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Afghanistan • Angola • Argentina • Armenia • Botswana • Burkina Faso • Burundi • Cambodia • Cameroon • Chad • Chile • Cote d'Ivoire • Democratic Republic of the Congo • Ecuador • Eswatini • Ethiopia • Ghana • Guatemala • Guinea Bissau • Guinea • Kenya • Kyrgyzstan • Laos • Lesotho • Liberia • Madagascar • Mali • Mauritania • Malawi • Mozambique • Namibia • Nepal • Niger • Nigeria • Pakistan • Peru • Rwanda • Senegal • Sierra Leone • South Africa • South Korea • Tanzania • Tunisia • The Netherlands • Uganda • Zambia • Zimbabwe 		30 minutes – 1 hour per profile	UNECA, OAS, UNESCAP, GFF
<p>Communication for development training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social and behavior change for effective Civil Registration and Vital Statistics • Factoring in social norms for results in Civil Registration and Vital Statistic programming • Communication for CRVS in conflict, emergencies, and fragile settings 		2 hours per item	UNSD
<p>Conference on innovations in CRVS systems</p> <p>Read the report or Watch the recordings</p>		1-2 hours per item	UNICEF, WHO

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Supporting gender equality: Strengthening CRVS systems for equal access to rights and protections for all

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Better data for a better world		1–2 minutes	Data2X
Boundless potential		1–2 minutes	Data2X
How civil registration can protect and empower women and girls		3.5 minutes	
Birth registration is the basis for advancing gender equality and children's rights		4.5 minutes	Open Data Watch
How death registration supports the rights of women and girls		5 minutes	
Marriage and divorce certificates: Tools for women's empowerment		4.5 minutes	Open Data Watch
Q&A with Irina Dincu: Why CRVS systems are critical for gender equality		7 minutes	Devex
The case for data: How CRVS systems can help improve gender equality		8 minutes	Devex
When there are no records of women and girls: the ripple effect		5 minutes	
Why CRVS systems matter for women and girls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making the Invisible Visible: How Strong CRVS Systems Can Empower Women and Girls • Leaving No One Behind: CRVS, Gender, and the SDGs • Harnessing CRVS Systems for the Gender Related SDGs: Opportunities and Challenges • The Costs and Benefits of CRVS as a Tool for Women's Empowerment 		1–2 hours per brief	Open Data Watch

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Strengthening CRVS Systems, Overcoming Barriers and Empowering Women and Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Life-Course Approach to Civil Registration and Vital Statistics: a Crucial Tool to Advance Gender Equality • Gender Equity in Guinea: How Perceptions, Behaviors and Social Norms Affect the Civil Registration of Women and Girls in West Africa • Linking National ID and CRVS Systems: an Imperative for Inclusive Development • Empowering Women and Girls Through Civil Registration System 		1–2 hours per brief	Open Data Watch
Moving Beyond Making the Case: Actions Needed to Support CRVS Systems for Women and Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making CRVS Systems Work for Women and Children: A Country Perspective • From Cradle to Grave: Documenting the Footprints of Vulnerable Women Through Life • The Dangers of Gender Bias in CRVS and Cause of Death Data: The Path to Health Inequality • Learnings from the Knowledge Brief Series on Gender and CRVS 		1–2 hours per brief	Open Data Watch
Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic : a literature review		45 minutes	
ConVERGE: Connecting Vital Events Registration and Gender Equality Read the report or watch the recordings		30 minutes – 2 hours per item	Open Data Watch, UNFPA
Making the Invisible Visible: CRVS as a basis to meeting the 2030 Gender Agenda Read the report or watch the recordings		30 minutes – 2 hours per item	
Gender data and civil registration: The path to equality		1–2 hours	
Harnessing data for women's rights and empowerment across the life course		1–2 hours	UNFPA

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Putting people first: Overcoming barriers to civil registration

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Demand-side factors related to the registration of births, marriages, and deaths: A literature review		1–2 hours	
Geographical and gender disparities in the registration of births, marriages, and deaths in the Nouna Health and Demographic Surveillance System, Burkina Faso		1–2 hours	
Constructing the foundations of legal identity in post conflict situations: case studies of Afghanistan, Georgia, Rwanda, South Africa Read the synthesis or full paper		30 minutes – 2 hours	

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Promoting good governance: Leveraging data for inclusive development

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Four ways CRVS systems can support the UN Sustainable Development Goals		4 minutes	
Why CRVS systems are essential to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals		4 minutes	
Creating digitized, interoperable ID systems		3.5 minutes	
Legal identity for all: Why we need to link CRVS and ID management systems		5.5 minutes	
Compendium of good practices in linking civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) and identity management systems Case studies of Armenia, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Namibia, The Netherlands, Peru		5 hours (30 minutes – 1 hour per case study)	GPSDD
The nexus between civil registration and social protection systems: Five country practices Argentina, Chile, Namibia, Tunisia, South Korea		1 – 2 hours per case study	
Inspirational stories of leadership in CRVS Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fátima Baronet (Mozambique) • Oliver Chinganya (UNECA) • Emmy Hudson (Tanzania) • Noël Luenda (Democratic Republic of the Congo) • Belly Lunanga (Democratic Republic of the Congo) • Janet Mucheru (Kenya) • Josephine Mukesha (Rwanda) • Tulimeke Munyika (Namibia) 		5 minutes per item	UNECA, Vital Strategies

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Conference on innovations in CRVS systems Read the report or Watch the recordings		1-2 hours per item	UNICEF, WHO
Constructing the foundations for legal identity		2 hours	GPSDD
CRVS and identity management systems webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capturing who we are: CRVS and ID to leave no one behind • Introduction to CRVS and identity management systems • The power of linking civil registration, vital statistics and identity management systems 		1-2 hours per video	GPSDD
The nexus between civil registration and social protection systems: Five country practices webinars		1-2 hours per item	GPSDD
Leadership and Resource Mobilization Workshop for African Registrars Generals and Senior Managers of Civil Registration		1-2 hours per item	UNECA
CRVS Systems Improvement Framework Launch		1-2 hours	UNECA, Vital Strategies
Interoperable CRVS Systems in Rwanda		1-2 hours	UNECA

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Supporting CRVS system resilience: Ensuring CRVS systems function under stress to protect populations in conflict, emergency, and fragile settings

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<p>Compendium of good practices: Harnessing Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) in conflict, emergencies and fragile settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview: Harnessing Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (CRVS) Systems in Conflict, Emergencies and Fragile Settings • Building resilient CRVS systems: Lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic and other emergencies • Civil registration: Maintaining international standards in emergencies • Where There Is No CRVS: Counting and Registering Deaths in Conflict, Emergencies, and Fragile Settings • Applying a “Systems Lens”: CRVS and Fragility in the Digital Age • Alternative Information Sources on Deaths in Brazil in the Context of the COVID-19 Pandemic • The Burial of Unidentified People in Rio de Janeiro: The Disappearance of People in the State Bureaucracy • Strategies for Dealing with the Challenges of COVID-19 to Ecuador’s Civil Registration System • COVID-19 and CRVS in New Zealand: The Show Must Go On • The Role of CRVS in Estimating COVID-19-related Excess Deaths in South Korea • Documenting Life and Death: Women’s Experiences During Conflict in Syria and Iraq • Mitigating the impact of Natural Hazards on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Systems: The case of Vanuatu 		<p>15 to 45 minutes per item</p>	<p>Open Data Watch</p>

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<p>CRVS and COVID-19 in Africa briefs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Synthesis Brief: The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Africa: How civil registration and vital statistics systems supported an emergency response • Technical brief: Maintaining civil registration resilience amid the COVID-19 crisis: Tanzania's one-step birth and death registration processes • Technical Brief: Maintaining civil registration resilience amid the COVID-19 crisis: Mozambique's vital events notification system • Technical Brief: Building resilient civil registration and vital statistics systems amid COVID-19: Namibia as a good practice • Technical Brief: Maintaining civil registration amid the COVID-19 crisis: Uganda's mobile notification system • Technical brief: The role of systems in capturing vital events data for civil registration and health surveillance amid the COVID-19 pandemic: iCivil – Burkina Faso's civil registration system • Synthesis brief: Recording every birth and death during COVID-19: Digital solutions for civil registration service delivery and health surveillance in Africa • Technical brief: The role of systems in capturing vital data for civil registration, ID, and health surveillance amid the COVID-19 pandemic: A good practice example from Rwanda 		30 minutes – 1 hour per item	UNECA
Civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic : a literature review		45 minutes	
CRVS communication in emergency, conflict affected and fragile settings		45 minutes	

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Harnessing CRVS Systems in Conflict, Emergencies and Fragile Settings		1–2 minutes	Open Data Watch
Counting on each other: How can we fight the spread of COVID-19 when half of deaths worldwide go unrecorded?		10 minutes	OECD
Refugees are more vulnerable without civil registration and ID. How can we help?		4.5 minutes	
Mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 on civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems in Africa webinars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch webinar on Tanzania • Watch webinar on Ghana • Watch webinar on Namibia 		1–2 hours per item	GPSDD, UNECA
How links between civil registration and social protection systems can help respond to COVID-19 Watch the recording		1–2 hours	GPSDD
Visualizing the Invisible: Registering deaths and tracking mortality in the era of COVID-19 Watch the recording		1–2 hours	Vital Strategies, WHO
Launch of Compendium of good practices: Harnessing CRVS Systems in conflict, emergencies, and fragile settings		1–2 hours	Open Data Watch

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